

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the January 25 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 25 day of January in the year 2016, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

City Attorney Aaron Atkins gave the invocation.

Call to Order:

Mayor Alongi called the meeting to order at 6 pm with the following individuals present: Commissioners Michael Ward, Dale Spencer, Charles Genesisio, and Gerald Whitley. City staff included City Attorney Aaron Atkins, City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens, and City Clerk Andrew Croessman.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th day of January. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the bill list for January 25, 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens gave the monthly Treasurer's Report for December 2015. She said that the opening balance for the General Fund was \$457,062, and the closing balance was \$427,936. Total General Fund income was \$480,393, with expenses of \$483,498. In regards to the Water/Sewer Fund, she said that the opening balance was \$215,669, and the closing balance was \$229,151. Water/Sewer Fund income was \$194,005, with expenses of \$204,187. In sum, total cash for all the City's funds increased from \$1.71 million to \$1.77 million, resulting in net income of \$60,535 for December.

Ordinances:

A. 2016-O01-01: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 25-3-1 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin. Mayor Alongi said that landowners are not cutting their grass properly. This ordinance addresses that issue by requiring landowners with property

zoned as Non-Urban (NU) or Agricultural (AG) to cut their grass a minimum of two times between March 15th and November 15th, and to be at least 90 days apart. Failure to do so would result in a fine of \$200, \$400, and \$600 for the first, second, and third offense, respectively. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to put 2016-O01-01 on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2016-R01-01: A Resolution Authorizing the Use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funds to Bore Under South Washington Street for Installation of a Sewer Tap to Serve the New Laundromat. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-R01-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2016-R01-02: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Fund-raising Roadblock Permit to the VFW. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-R01-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2016-R01-03: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Fund-raising Roadblock Permit to the Perry County Humane Shelter. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-R01-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

A. Commissioner Genesio introduced discussion regarding need for a new snow plow. He said that the Street Department has had continuous problems with their plow. The cost of a new plow is \$7,375 and would be offset by cuts to other items within their budget.

B. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to amend the bills to be paid to include purchase of new snow plow. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioners Ward had no comment.

Commissioner Spencer promoted the upcoming opening of Urgent Care Center at Marshall Browning Hospital. He also said that he was working with Local Woodsmen for \$2,500 pool donation, and with the Elks to host a trivia night.

Commissioner Genesio said that he had been approached by several people asking why the Council votes "yes" on everything. He said that a lot of the Council agenda items are worked out before the meeting. Mayor Alongi added that the Liquor Ordinance is a perfect example of this.

Commissioner Whitley said that Visu-Sewer with the Water Department would be inspecting North Washington Street sewer lines with a camera to see if they could determine what is causing sewer backup.

Mayor Alongi thanked Sam and Janet Kuhnert, and Bill Asbury for their hard work with NubAbility and Special Olympics. Lastly, Mayor Alongi said that the City was having trouble getting a pool bid from Midwest Pool. He said that there was a possibility of putting a vinyl liner in from a company in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Public Comment:

Du Quoin resident Gary Morgan addressed the Council regarding living behind a trash dumpster business where they leave dumpsters full for days. City Health Officer Ron Darnell said that he has contacted the business and was assured that they would correct the issue.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:40 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Whitley; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk